

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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SUBJECT Regional Lead on Desloge/Big River Site

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I understand that the Missouri Department of Natural Resources is currently negotiating with St Joe Minerals in an attempt to develop a solution to the environmental problems posed by the Desloge site. The region has indicated to the State that we wish to be kept informed about the status of their negotiations, however, I believe that it is inappropriate for our agency to take any action (such as federal enforcement, use of superfund, etc), unless the State is unable to reach a reasonable agreement that will provide a long-term solution to the problem. I have therefore asked the Air and Hazardous Materials Division to take the lead on this activity until we decide that some other actions are warranted. I will expect ARHM to maintain close contact with the State during this period and to keep me and other divisions--particularly Enforcement and S&A--informed about the status of the State's negotiations. These divisions should also be given the opportunity to review Missouri's agreement with St Joe before we develop our final regional position on this issue.

I have been impressed with the effort that Bill Ward in particular has put into this project. I am requesting Enforcement to continue to make him available for assistance and I am encouraging ARHM to take advantage of the work he has already done.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

cc C Hajinian
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